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SUBJECT: SEABED OIL DEPOSITS OFF LEBANON

1. GOL INDUSTRY AND OIL MINISTRY SAYS RUMOR MAKING ROUNDS THAT "SKYLAB" SATELLITES HAVE DETECTED GOOD PROSPECTS OF PETROLEUM DEPOSITS UNDER SEABED BETWEEN LEBANON AND CYPRUS. A FORMER OIL MINISTER AMONG THOSE SPREADING RUMOR. OUR INQUIRER DOUBTS THERE ANYTHING BEHIND RUMOR BUT ASKED US TO SEE WHAT WASHINGTON SAYS.

2. COMMENT: THIS OUR FIRST COMMUNICATION FROM NEWLY-STAFFED INDUSTRY AND OIL MINISTRY, ALTHOUGH IT WAS LEGALLY ESTABLISHED ONE YEAR AGO. BECAUSE OF THAT, AND BECAUSE AMERICAN OIL COMPANIES HERE ENGAGED IN VARIOUS DISPUTES WITH GOL, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE TO MINISTRY, WHICH IN PROCESS OF DRAFTING OFFSHORE OIL EXPLORATION LEGISLATION. HOUGHTON
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